

Tibetan astrology

Tibetan astrology (Tibetan: དྭཀར་རྩིས་, Wylie: *dkar rtsis*) is a traditional discipline of the Tibetan peoples that has dialogued with both Chinese astrology and Indian astrology. Tibetan astrology is one of the 'Ten Sciences' (Wylie: rig-pa'i gnas bcu; Sanskrit: daśavidyā) in the enumeration honoured by this cultural tradition.^[1]

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Year-signs

The Year-signs cycle in an archetypal progression or continuüm:

- Rat
- Ox
- Tiger
- Rabbit
- Dragon
- Snake
- Horse
- Goat
- Monkey
- Rooster^[2]
- Dog
- Pig^[3]

Tibetan calendar

Gregorian year	Tibetan year	Losar*	element and animal
2000	2127	February 5 – February 7	iron <u>Dragon</u> (male)
2001	2128	January 24 – January 26	iron <u>Snake</u> (female)
2002	2129	February 12 – February 14	water <u>Horse</u> (male)
2003	2130	February 1 – February 3	water <u>Goat</u> (female)
2004	2131	January 22 – January 24	wood <u>Monkey</u> (male)
2005	2132	February 9 – February 11	wood <u>Rooster</u> (female)
2006	2133	January 30 – February 1	fire <u>Dog</u> (male)
2007	2134	February 18 – February 20	fire <u>Pig</u> (female)
2008	2135	February 8 – February 10	earth <u>Rat</u> (male)
2009	2136	January 27 – January 29	earth <u>Ox</u> (female)
2010	2137	February 12 - February 14	iron <u>Tiger</u> (male)

* Note: The start date of Losar depends on what time zone one is in. For example, in 2005, Losar started on February 8 in U.S. time zones and February 9 in Asia time zones. Some people began celebrating Losar on February 9 in the US. The Tibetan new year is based on a fluctuating point that marks the New Moon that is nearest to the beginning of February. It is important to note that, despite their apparent similarities, the start of the Tibetan and Chinese New Years can sometimes differ by a whole month.

Vaiḍūrya dKar-po (White Beryl)

The names of the chapters of the *Vaiḍūrya dKar-po* (the premier Tibetan text on astrological divination) are :

- 1. "Aspects of Turtle Divination (http://texts.00.gs/Elemental_Divination,_1.htm)"
- 2. "Hidden Points (http://texts.00.gs/Elemental_Divination,_2.htm)"
- 3. "Geomantic Aspects (http://texts.00.gs/Elemental_Divination,_3.htm)"
- 10. "The Thirty Computational Charts (http://texts.00.gs/Elemental_Divination,_10.htm)"
- 11. "The Thirteen Charts (http://texts.00.gs/Elemental_Divination,_11.htm)"

See also

- Jyotisha (Indian astrology)
- Chinese astrology
- Losar
- Tibetan calendar
- Culture of Tibet
- Tibetan people
- Tibet
- Tibet Autonomous Region

Notes

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- བོད་གཞུང་སྐྱེ་བའི་ཁང་། (<http://www.men-tsee-khang.org/astrology/index.htm>) Men-Tsi-Khang Institute of Medicine & Astrology of H.H. the Dalai Lama, Dharamsala India.
- The Tibetan Astrology Network (<http://www.tibetan-astrology.net/newbkgelems.html>)
- Tibetan Astro Sciences: Basic Principles (http://www.berzinarchives.com/web/en/archives/study/tibetan_astrology_medicine/astrology/tibetan_astro_sciences/tibetan_astro_science_01.html) - Dr. Alexander Berzin
- Digital Tibetan Buddhist Altar (<http://tibetanaltar.blogspot.com>) See the "Weekly Tibetan Astrology" feature and related background resources. Includes extensive information on yearly Tibetan astrology, inclusive of moving elements, spirits, parkha and mewa.

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